

Larry; he fought diligently for investments in our communities and worked hard to pave a brighter future for Kentucky. In fact, Larry won the Republican nomination for governor in 1991 before Brereton Jones succeeded in the general election. Prior to his federal service, he was also elected to serve in both chambers of the Kentucky state legislature.

As a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he led the U.S. House Armed Services Committee with invaluable insight and expertise, leading the way for military modernization. He was a true patriot and champion for our U.S. Armed Forces on that committee.

Larry and I were close friends before arriving on Capitol Hill, often traveling together, and sharing stories from home and abroad. He deeply loved the people of Kentucky and worked tirelessly to improve this great Commonwealth. I count it a great honor to have called him a friend, and I send my deepest condolences to the Hopkins family.

SUPPORTING H. RES. 789, CENSURING REP. PAUL GOSAR OF ARIZONA

### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House acted to discipline a Member for conduct that was unacceptable and in violation of all standards of decency and civility—conduct that brought disrepute to this institution. I joined 223 of my colleagues—Democrats and Republicans—in passing H. Res. 789 to officially censure Mr. PAUL GOSAR of Arizona and remove him from his assigned committees.

Mr. GOSAR recently posted on social media an animated video depicting him graphically killing a female Member of Congress—Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ of New York—and violently attacking President Biden: Millions of people have seen this disturbing and violent video. Incredibly, Mr. GOSAR and 207 House Republicans excused this despicable act as “free speech” and “symbolic.” Producing and disseminating a video depicting the murder of a workplace colleague, of an elected federal official, and a fellow American is not symbolic—it is a threat that is intended to intimidate and inspire violence.

Rep. ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ is a valued colleague who deserves to be treated with respect by all Members of Congress, even when political disagreements are significant. Mr. GOSAR’s use of official resources—paid for by American taxpayers—to depict the killing of a fellow Member of Congress is abhorrent, and it is conduct that was appropriately condemned by the House of Representatives.

This is not a complicated matter. If Mr. GOSAR had shared such a video targeting a colleague in any other workplace in America, he would have been immediately terminated. While Democrats and two Republicans condemned his actions, the Republican leader and more than 200 Republican members condoned his actions, defended his conduct, and made light of a death threat against a Member of Congress.

Have Republican Members of Congress become so craven that they do not know right

from wrong? Do my Republican colleagues not understand the signal this imagery sends to the American people, especially women and youth, that promoting violence—a male Member of Congress brutally murdering a woman, a female Member of Congress—is acceptable political speech? This video is not political or free speech, it is violent misogyny. The fact that it has been publicly defended by 207 Republican Members of Congress now makes such behavior part and parcel of the Republican playbook for how they intend to conduct themselves in the future.

As we all know, on January 6, 2021, a mob of thousands of insurrectionists attacked the U.S. Capitol to prevent Congress from affirming the election of Joe Biden as President of the United States. Mr. GOSAR did not refrain from embracing these insurrectionists and the violence that threatened the lives of Members of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police, and our congressional staff and workforce. Now Mr. GOSAR is again embracing violence to send a political message and achieve his political goals. It is reprehensible, and this behavior is destroying our democracy. I take Mr. GOSAR’s threat seriously because this conduct intentionally sends a signal to people who are more than willing to use violence to achieve political outcomes—as I experienced personally on January 6th.

Mr. GOSAR’s behavior demanded censure by the U.S. House. Furthermore, I strongly encourage federal law enforcement officials to investigate this matter further to determine if his actions reach a standard of criminal conduct that merit prosecution.

Every day I work as a Member of Congress in the U.S. House is an honor. Civility is not an option; it is a duty that is necessary if we are to govern and achieve our collective goals as Americans. Republicans and Democrats can disagree—strongly disagree—but we must always remember that we are all Americans, and the American people deserve our service and actions to be conducted with dignity and respect.

### CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a great milestone for the Church of Philadelphia. On November 21st, the church will celebrate 40 years of ministry in Fort Worth.

The Church of Philadelphia has been a pillar of our North Texas community. This church celebrates the rich fabric of our community and welcomes people of all backgrounds to worship. Over the four decades since this church was founded by Pastor Gregory W. Spencer, the amount of growth that has occurred has been incredible. The Church has used their prosperity to give back to our community by helping all of those in need.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Church of Philadelphia on their great work so far, and wish them best of luck for what is yet to come as they continue to serve communities across Fort Worth.

HONORING JUDY L. ELLER

### HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. SMUCKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judy L. Eller of Peach Bottom, Pennsylvania for her more than forty years of federal service.

Judy got her start in the civil service through a work-study program with the Social Security Administration. From there, Judy would go on to hold a number of positions throughout our federal government with the United States Army, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Beginning in 1980, Judy was employed at the U.S. Army’s Research Institute for Chemical Defense in Aberdeen, Maryland, where she worked alongside military personnel in handling and dismantling chemical agents.

After her time at Aberdeen, Judy began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1986, first at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania and later at other VA Medical Centers across Pennsylvania and Maryland. The highpoint of her career with the VA came when she took the position of Multi-Site Research Compliance Officer for the Fourth Veterans Integrated Services Network. Judy stayed in this role for seventeen years, lasting up until her retirement this month.

We thank Judy for the many years of dedicated service she gave to our country and its veterans. We wish her a well-deserved and restful retirement.

### HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GARY E. GRAHAM

### HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 18, 2021*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding military service of Command Sergeant Major Gary E. Graham who will be retiring this year after over 43 years of service in the Mississippi National Guard.

CSM Graham hails from Conehatta, MS where he lives with his wife, Julie, and their children, Micah, Jessica, and Layla. I want to take the time to thank his wife and children for their strength and support as a military family.

CSM Graham served a long and impressive military career beginning in 1978 when he attended Basic Training and AIT as a Wheeled Vehicle and Generator Mechanic at Fort Jackson, SC. CSM Graham mobilized and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 until 2005. Upon his return from deployment, he mobilized once again and assumed the position of Task Force Magnolia CSM for Hurricane Katrina Operations. From 2006 to 2011, he was assigned as the Commandant of the 3rd NCO Academy. He was then reassigned as the 154th Regimental Training Institute CSM. In August 2011, he was hand selected for NATO HQ Sarajevo Command as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Military and Government leadership of the Balkan countries. From 2016 to 2017, he was appointed as the first Land Component Forces CSM. CSM Graham is currently